GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3507
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SIDHMUKH- NOHAR AND AMARSINGH JASSANA IRRIGATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) The construction cost of fold channels for Sidhmukh-Nohar and Amarsingh-Jassana irrigation projects;

(b) Whether the Government proposes to provide the amount equal to the cost incurred on Indira Gandhi Canal Project; and

(c) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) The cost norm for construction of field channels under the centrally sponsored Command Area Development and Water Management

(CADWM) Programme for Sidhmukh Nohar and Amarsingh Jassana Irrigation Project is Rs. 10,000 per hectare (ha) out of which Rs. 5000 per ha (limited to 50% of actual cost) is provided by the Central Government as grant.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Government of Rajasthan has requested for consideration of cost norm of construction of field channels in Sidhmuk Nohar and `Amarsingh Sub- Branch and Jassana Distributary of Bhakra System` Projects at par with Indira Gandhi Nohar Project i. e. from present Rs. 10, 000 per ha to Rs. 15,000 per ha. It has been mentioned that higher cost of construction of field channels in these two projects is due to 100% lining. According to the guiding principles for implementation of CADWM Programme, 20% lining of field channels is advocated in general. As per these guiding principles, lining of field channels is advocated in general. As per these guiding principles, lining beyond 20% can be done (where it is required due to topography and soil type) but no additional central assistance beyond the prescribed cost norms is admissible for the same.